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AIR FREIGHT UP 17.6% IN NOVEMBER, 8.0% IN FIRST ELEVEN MONTHS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 -- The U.S. scheduled airlines recorded an 8% systemwide increase in air freight during the first 11 months of 1983 and a gain of 17.6% in November over November of 1982, the Air Transport Association reported today.

Domestic air freight in November was up 26.4% and domestic mail was up 17.5%. International air freight was up 5.4%, and international mail traffic gained 11.8%. Total domestic and international air cargo, including freight and mail, was up 17.3% in November.

In the first 11 months of 1983, domestic air freight was up 12.4%. Domestic mail traffic was up 6.2%. International freight traffic of the U.S. airlines was up 1.3% from the first 11 months of 1982, and international mail was up 2.2%. Total systemwide air cargo for ATA airlines in the first 11 months was up 7.5%.

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U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

REVENUE TON-MILES
(In Thousands)

	DOMESTIC OPERATIONS			INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS			TOTAL	TOTAL
	FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL	FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL	FREIGHT	CARGO
NOVEMBER 1983	329,580	87,573	417,153	196,543	32,284	228,827	526,123	645,980
NOVEMBER 1982	260,735	74,552	335,287	186,468	28,886	215,354	447,203	550,641
PERCENT CHANGE	26.4	17.5	24.4	5.4	11.8	6.3	17.6	17.3
11 MONTHS 1983	3,244,722	909,300	4,154,022	1,897,363	284,471	2,181,834	5,142,085	6,335,856
11 MONTHS 1982	2,886,663	856,246	3,742,909	1,873,123	278,319	2,151,442	4,759,786	5,894,351
PERCENT CHANGE	12.4	6.2	11.0	1.3	2.2	1.4	8.0	7.5

NOTES: Carriers included: Aircal, Air Florida, Alaska, Aloha, American, Capitol, Delta, Eastern, Federal Express, Flying Tiger, Frontier, Hawaiian, Northwest, Ozark, Pan American, Piedmont, PSA, Republic, Trans World, United, USAir and Western. Continental's 1982-1983 data is not included for September, October and November.

Northwest data is not included in international figures.